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Miscellaneous Barracks in the Lyubimets and Varna (now Stalin) Areas

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1. A new barracks area is located in the "Sharlivite Nivi" district of Lyubimets (N 41-47, E 26-06), Svilengrad Okoliya, in the section known to the local population as the "Pamporova Yaka", situated approximately six kilometers from the center of Lyubimets. The area is situated northeast of the highway which leads to Svilengrad, between the road and the railroad line, approximately 100 meters from Hill 75.2. The barracks are near a small dirt road which crosses the highway and leads through the fields to the railroad. Construction of the buildings started in the summer of 1951. 25X1
15-20 one- and two-story, medium-size, brick buildings which had red tile roofs and were not whitewashed. An unidentified Army unit and 7-8 vehicles are located in this area, which is not enclosed. The dirt road leading to the barracks is closed to civilians and the area between the highway and the railroad line is also closely guarded. 25X1
2. In 1951, construction was started on new barracks for the Nakhimov School (Nakhimovskoto Uchilishte), in an area approximately 200 meters northeast of the arena in Varna. Three buildings were completed by April 1953 and two other buildings were under construction. The buildings of the Nakhimov School are

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all of the same type and are approximately 50 x 15 meters in size, three stories high and are not whitewashed. Construction work on these buildings was done by the Naval Construction Section (Morska Stroitelna Sektsiya). The students of the Nakhimov School had not yet begun to use the new buildings by April 1953, but were still quartered in their old building located approximately 150 meters east of the former French College in Varna. This building is in the shape of the letter "T" with the main part measuring 50-60 meters and the wing being 30 meters in length. Young men from 14 to 17-18 years of age attend this school for training as naval officers. The students may take a 4-year course. The school allegedly has 300 students. The students wear the following uniform:

- a. Long black trousers with piping 2.5 centimeters wide;
- b. A navy blue blouse;
- c. A navy blue hat with a band and ribbon bearing an inscription believed to read "Chernomorsko Flot" (Black Sea Fleet);
- d. White gloves and belt; and
- e. Low black shoes.

3. The barracks of the former 8 Infantry Regiment in Varna (now Stalin) is located in the "Vasil Levski" quarter, in the northeast part of Varna. The entrance to the barracks is located on Marshal Tolbukhin Street. The barracks area measures approximately 300 x 180 meters in size and is enclosed by a stone wall 1.5 meters high with a small barbed wire stretch in the southeast corner of the fence. East of the area there is a section in which buildings for naval officers are under construction. There is a canal on the north side of the barracks area which encircles the town of Varna on the west and north and which empties into the sea. On the west and south, the barracks area is adjacent to built-up areas of Varna. The area is approximately 400 meters from the sea. There are approximately 20 buildings here, including four central buildings, three of which are comparatively new and measure 30 x 20 meters in size and are used as barracks for the soldiers. The fourth building has five floors and approximately the same dimension as the others. The headquarters of the Varna Military District is located here. Construction of a large building reported to be five stories high was started in January 1953. By March of 1953 the foundation and the first three floors had been completed. It was reported that the building was to be used as officers' quarters. About 200 Trudovaks from Podelenie 25-70 attached to the Varna Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00, worked on this project. The central buildings are painted yellow and the others white. The barracks could allegedly house more than 2,500 soldiers, [redacted] many regular Army soldiers and a large number of sailors who were in three of the central buildings. (A sketch showing the barracks area of the former 8 Infantry Regiment [redacted] is included as Appendix A on pages 5 and 6).

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4. An unidentified infantry unit is quartered in Lyubimets, in the former "Dobri Terpeshev" coeducational gymnasium, on the highway to Svilengrad, between the village and the Maritsa River, which is 50-60 meters away. The unit is in the southeast section of the village. The school is a 2-story building, in the shape of the letter "T" and is painted yellow and has a red tile roof. It measures 50 x 30 x 15 meters and has approximately 35 rooms. Construction of an additional barracks for the infantry unit started in 1951 about 100 meters south of the building mentioned above. It was completed about the end of 1951. This is a 1-story building about 80-100 x 20 meters in size. As of April 1953 it was still not whitewashed. Three or four small buildings are located near this main building and are for the use of the infantry unit. An observation station was installed on the roof of the former gymnasium and a sentry is permanently stationed there.

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5. The barracks area of the 6 Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00, in Varna is located at the end of the "Mikhail Ivanov" (formerly "Troshevo") Quarter, in the northern limits of the city. The area is about 200 meters north of the last houses in the quarter and about 50-60 meters southeast of the highway to Vladislavovo (N 43-15, E 27-51). A mill is located southwest of the barracks area. This area measures about 200 x 150 meters and is enclosed by barbed wire. In the area there are nine buildings, seven of which are completely finished (construction work was started in 1951 and completed in September 1952); the two remaining buildings were almost completed in April 1953. These buildings included three storehouses, one Army building, one technical workshop, one shed for motor vehicles, a headquarters, a hospital (under construction), and one livestock farm (under construction). All the buildings with the exception of the headquarters are 1-story, unwhitewashed buildings. The headquarters is a 2-story, whitewashed building. They all have red tile roofs. (A sketch showing the barracks area of the 6 Trudovak Brigade based on a free-hand drawing made by informant, is included as Appendix B on pages 7 and 8).
6. A new naval barracks is located on the site of the former German camp "Sokol" which is about 800 meters west of the village of Asparukhovo (N 43-11, E 27-54), Varna Okoliya, and south of the highway connecting that village with Chayka seaplane base. The area runs for about 250 meters along the highway and about 300 meters south from the highway. The entire area is enclosed by barbed wire. Informant had not heard that the surrounding area had been declared a prohibited zone. Construction work on the new barracks was started by the Karnobat (now Polyanovgrad) Trudovak Brigade and was completed in 1951 by the Varna Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00. Six new, medium-size, 1-story buildings were built in this area and the old German barracks are still in use. Informant believes that the barracks area is for naval forces for he observed, in passing by, 200-250 seamen there after the barracks were completed. Over 500 meters west of this area there is a single 2-story building approximately 40 x 15 meters in size. It is at the point where the highway to the Chayka seaplane base crosses the road to the Varna garrison arsenal. The building, which was completed in 1951, was constructed by the Varna Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00. According to informant, the building was for the use of naval forces and immediately after its completion approximately 120-150 seamen were observed here.

Ammunition Depots Near Varna

7. Ammunition depots are located south of the Chayka seaplane base and east of the highway leading from the base to the village of Zvezditsa (N 43-09, E 27-50), Varna Okoliya. According to informant, construction of additional depots was started in the Spring of 1951 and was completed by February 1952. During 1948 a new highway was started which led directly to the ammunition depots, from the highway from Asparukhovo to the Chayka seaplane base (N 47-11, E 27-50), to about 70-80 meters east of the road to Zvezditsa. The new highway was placed almost parallel to the Zvezditsa road, about 60-70 meters east of it. On reaching the large stream east of the Zvezditsa road the new highway curves around at almost 90 degrees in an easterly direction to reach the central underground buildings of the ammunition dumps. At the stream, the new highway has a branch which continues to move parallel to the road to Zvezditsa, turns a little south of the village to the east at a 90 degree angle, moves along the southern bank of the stream where the depots are, and rises, turning slightly to the southeast and terminating at this point.
8. Wherever the new highway passed very close to the road to Zvezditsa, the roadbed was diverted as much as 100 meters at the widest point and rejoined the old roadbed after about 250-300 meters. The entire stream, including the large section from the highway to the ammunition depots, is included in the surrounding area which is enclosed with a barbed wire fence.

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9. In 1951, construction started on a new naval barracks located in the eastern corner between the highway from the Chayka seaplane base to Asparukhovo and the new road to the ammunition dumps.
10. During the fall of 1951, construction of additional ammunition dumps was started near the southern part of the highway leading to the existing dumps, in the section extending along the southern branch of the stream. From the bend in the highway to its terminal point, seven new depots approximately 40-50 meters apart were built. These depots consist of a corridor approximately four meters wide and five meters long, followed by a platform measuring 11 x 18 meters. The inner base of this platform is on the same level as the road. At the south side of the area there is a trench approximately 15 meters deep. It slopes gradually down toward the road, from this level to a depth of about 2.5-3 meters. Above ground, dumps measuring 15 x 8 meters in size and four meters high, have been built on these platforms. The buildings, which are made of limestone brick are not whitewashed on the outside. Each building has four or five windows and the floors are of concrete.
11. These ammunition dumps are not enclosed by barbed wire fences. At the entrance to each one, from the road, there is a sentry box. There are four posts for guarding the seven new dumps. Three are located in front of the dumps at the curve in the road and the fourth is situated in the eastern section of the road in front of the last dump. Sentries have not been posted in front of the remaining three dumps, in spite of the fact that sentry boxes have been built on the road.
12. [redacted] the entire area is guarded by a detail of approximately 30 men, all seamen. The men are quartered in a guard building near the new naval barracks mentioned above. On Sundays, the guard of the ammunition dumps is composed of students from the Nakhimov School in Varna. [redacted] The old buildings of the ammunition dumps were camouflaged with various paint colors. 25X1 25X1 25X1
13. The new dumps were constructed by about 150-200 Trudovaks of 1 Platoon, Trudovak Company, Podelenie 25-10, subordinate to Trudovak Battalion, Podelenie 24-00, of the Varna Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00. The commanding officer of the platoon was Lieutenant Serafimov (fnu) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (A sketch showing the ammunition depots of the VMS, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] is included as Appendix C, on pages 9 and 10). 25X1
1. Comment: [redacted] these ammunition dumps are described as belonging to naval forces and to the former 8 Infantry Regiment in Varna. 25X1

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APPENDIX A

Barracks of the Former 8 Infantry Regiment, Varna

Legend

1. Military Barracks
2. Varna Military District
3. Blocks of Houses
4. Bakery
5. Shed for Parking Carts and Transport Vehicles
6. Unidentified Buildings
7. Blocks of Houses for the "VMS" (Voenna Morska Sila; Naval Forces)
8. Voynishka Street
9. Marshal Tolbukhin Street
10. Canal
11. Vasil Levski Quarter
12. The "Nakhimov" School is located in this direction, approximately 350 meters from the barracks of the former 8 Infantry Regiment.

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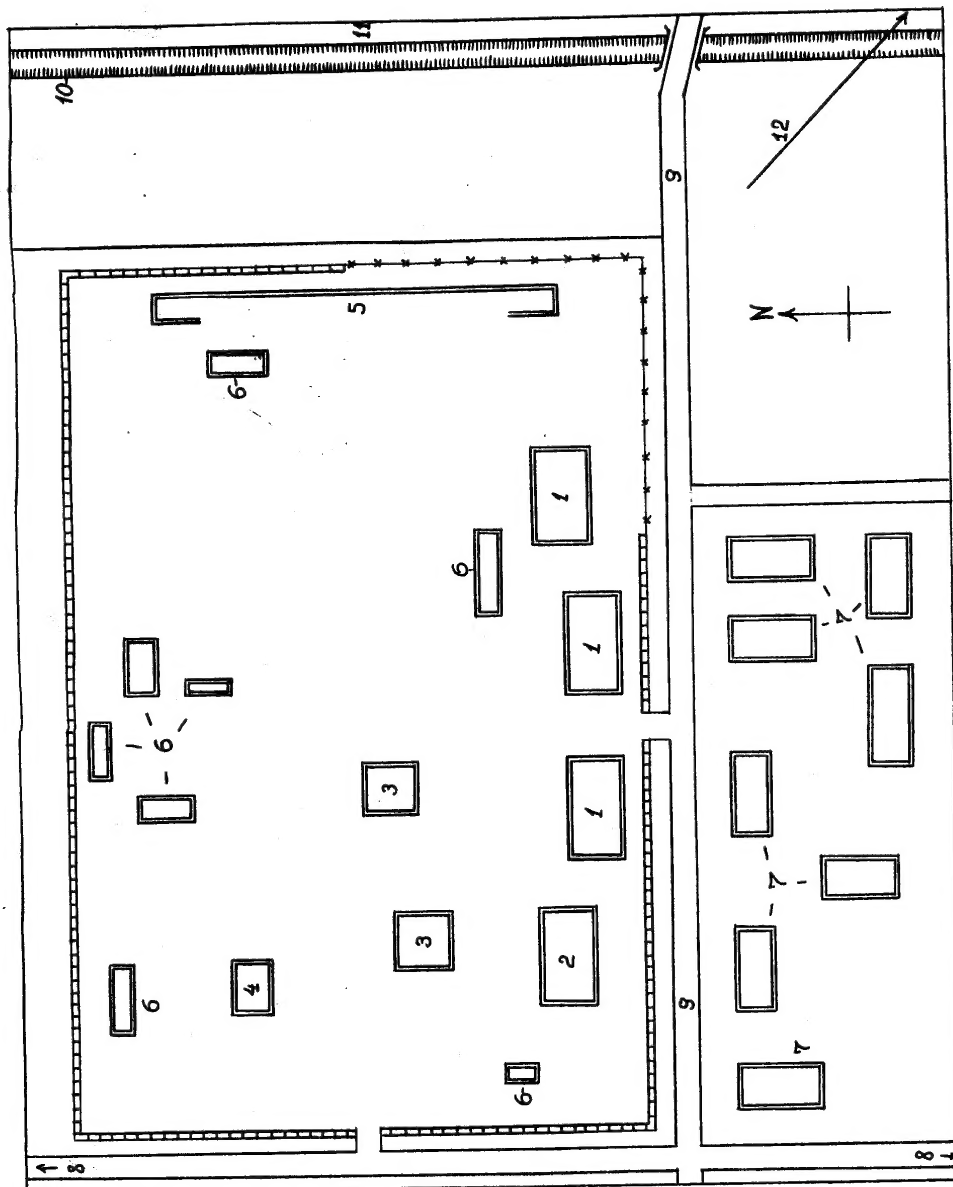
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Barracks of the Former 8 Infantry Regiment, Varna



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APPENDIX B

Barracks of 6 Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00, Varna

Legend

1. Brigade Headquarters
2. Military Barracks
3. Infirmary
4. Farm Buildings
5. Shed for Parking Motorvehicles of the Brigade
6. Technical Workshop
7. Warehouse
8. Prison
9. Mill
10. Varna-Vladislavovo Road
11. An unidentified military unit is located in this direction, approximately 600 meters from the barracks of 6 Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00, Varna.
12. The Varna Cemetery is located approximately one kilometer in this direction.

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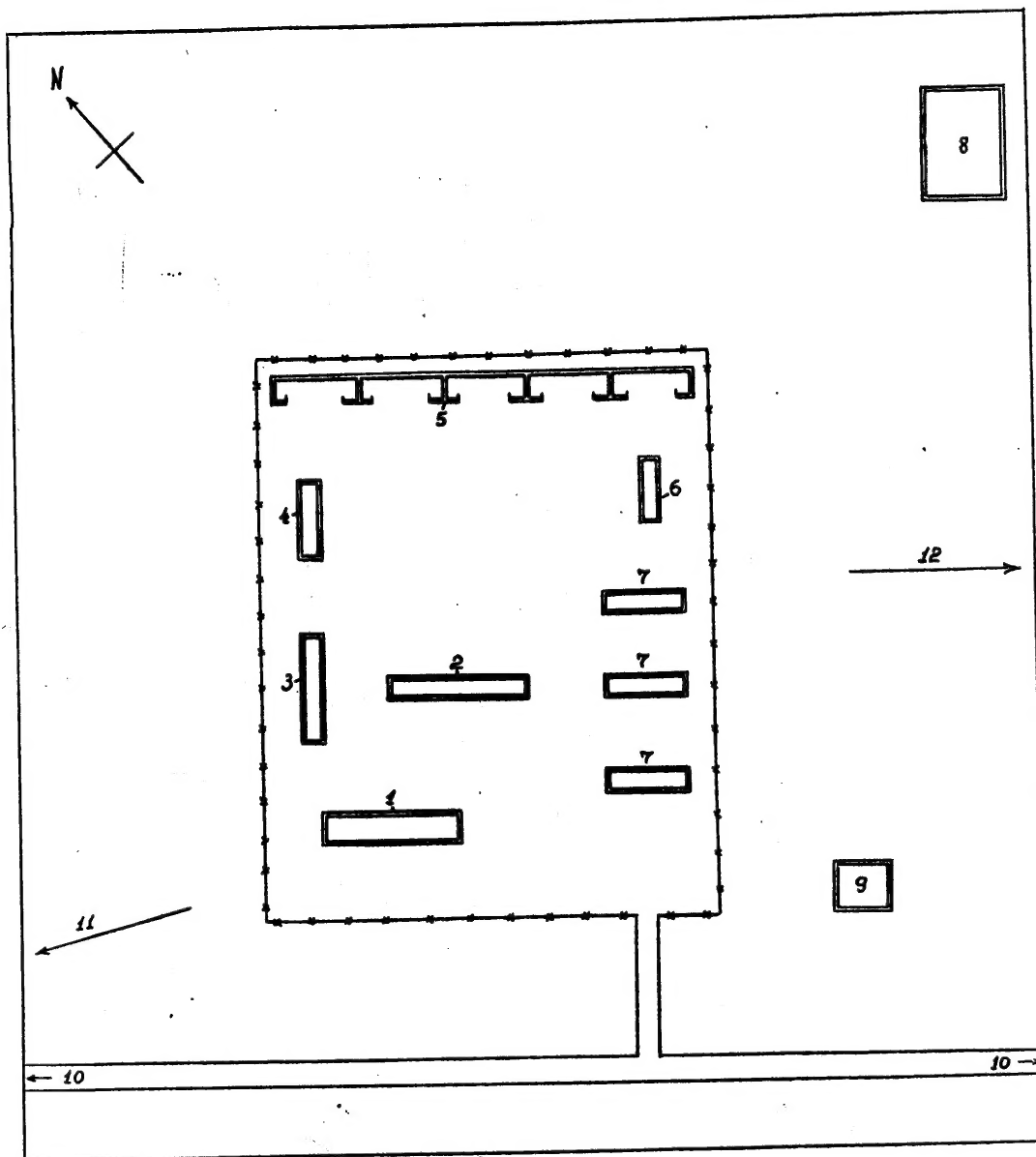
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Barracks of 6 Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 24-00, Varna



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APPENDIX C"VMS" Ammunition Depots Near Varna

A. Scale 1:50,000

1. Ammunition Depots Area
2. Chayka Seaplane Base
3. Asparukhovo-Chayka Seaplane Base Road
4. Chayka Seaplane Base-Zvezditsa Road
5. Zvezditsa, Varna Okoliya
6. Special Road to Ammunition Depots
7. Varna Lake

B. Not Drawn to Scale

1. Ammunition Depots Area
2. Newly Constructed Warehouses Belonging to these Ammunition Depots
3. Asparukhovo-Chayka Seaplane Base Road
4. Chayka Seaplane Base-Zvezditsa Road
5. Detoured Portion of the Chayka-Zvezditsa Route
6. Old Route of the Chayka-Zvezditsa Road
7. Road to Ammunition Depots
8. New Barracks of "VMS" with Guardhouse for Defense of Ammunition Depots
9. Area in which the construction was started on special installations of the type built near Asparukhovo, Varna Okoliya, but on which work has been halted

Barbed Wire Fence

C. Scale 1:400

1. Depot
2. Excavation in the Hill; Depot Platform
3. Entrance to Platform and Depot
4. Road to Depots, Branching Off from the Asparukhovo-Chayka Road
5. Layers of Earth

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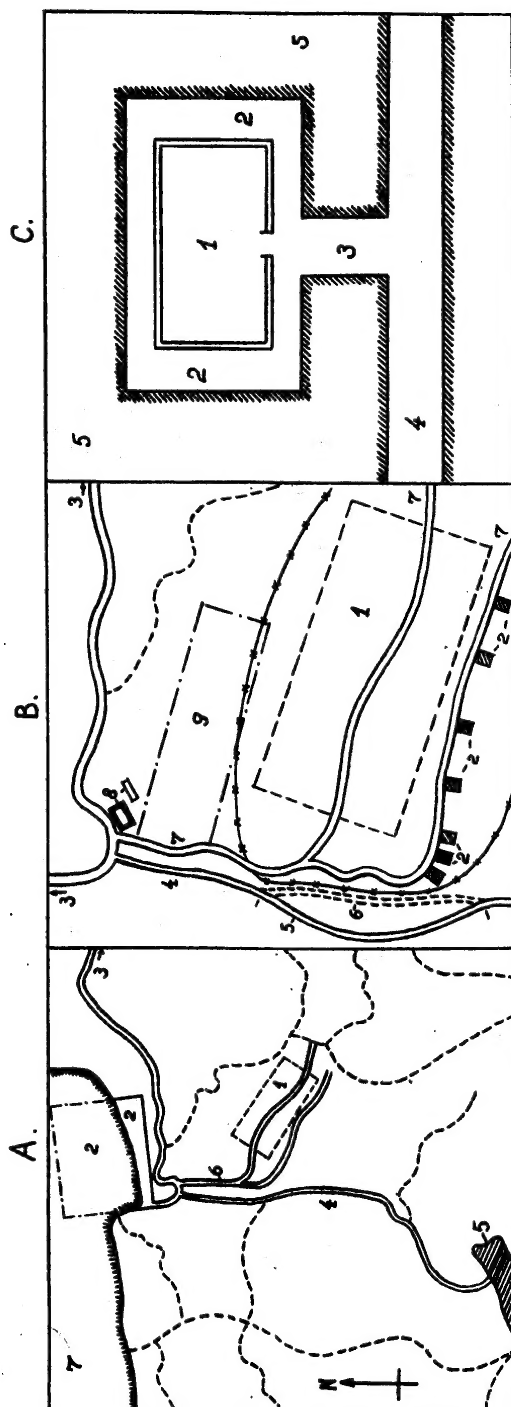
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"VMS" Ammunition Depots



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